

## THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST, 1868.

## Amusements To-night.

**THEATRE COMIQUE.**—The proprietors of the Theatre Comique are going out to-day with the announcement of a specially selected combination of variety stars who will appear in an exceptionally attractive bill at the evening and matinee performances of this week. The list of performers includes Lene Shells, Leonard and Jones, Ophelia Starr, R. G. Allen, Edwin Wilson, the Hermanns, Steele and Topack, Harry Woodson, Billy Moore, Sparks Brothers and others. "McSwenny's Masquerade," a roaring farce, will be a feature, embracing the entire strength of the company.

**DRIVER'S CONCERT GARDEN.**—Driver's concert garden offers more attractions this week. Besides the charming programme of instrumental music, George Kaine will continue to appear in his favorite Dutch comicallies, and Harry Mullen, the talented young Irish character vocalist, will render his specialties nightly. Driver's garden as a popular resort is still climbing up into universal favor. The proprietor has made a strong hit with his sumptuous midday lunches.

**ABNER'S SUMMER GARDEN.**—For the present week our enterprising concert manager, Edward Abner, whose charming garden on E street has become the favorite resort of the best people in the city, offers a programme for each evening's concert unsurpassed. Abner's garden is delightfully cool, the music there is always of the best, the society genial and his refreshment stands contain every delicacy the market affords.

## The Lower Cedar Point Excursion.

Lower Cedar Point is destined to become, in a short while, the most popular resort on the river. Although a new enterprise, the elegant steamer John W. Thompson, which makes a daily trip to the Point, is crowded with the very best class of our citizens, who go down to escape the heat and annoyance of the city for a day. About 650 or 700 merry excursionists embarked on the Thompson yesterday, and a more pleasant and congenial party never got together. On the way down the New York Acme Church Choir (quartet), which for several weeks was the principal attraction at Driver's Summer Garden, rendered several excellent selections, and were time and again encored. This quartet, consisting of Misses A. C. Mills and M. E. Allen, and Messrs. W. Wilkinson and Robert Nelson, have been engaged by the proprietors of the Point, and will each day go down on the Thompson and give concerts. This will prove a splendid attraction. George Kaine, the eccentric Dutch comedian, and an octet from the Apollo Club also sang and played. The excursionists with their splendid singing. The ever popular Capt. C. M. Levy is the general superintendent of the Point and makes every one feel at home. The Captain's aids yesterday butchered over 500 chickens to feed the hungry crowd.

## The Improvement in Front of the City Hall.

Contractor Wm. Hussey is pushing the work of the improvement of Louisiana and Indiana avenues straight along. This morning workmen were busily engaged in sodding the base of the Lincoln monument and in leveling and top-dressing the spaces in front of the City Hall, between the inside and outward pavements. The whole of the spaces or parks and the reservation at the corner of Sixth and D streets will be sown with red-top grass, which will cover them with a green carpet within a month. When all these open spaces are covered by grass and shrubs there will be no more bare boulevard within the corporation limits.

## The Other Side of the Question.

In Chambers to-day, Judge Hagner extended the time for answer to the petition in the case of John Thompson vs. the District of Columbia until the first Tuesday in September. This is the case in which Thompson applies for a writ of mandamus to compel the District Commissioners to issue drawback certificates bearing ten per cent. interest. The Commissioner held that the law they have no right to make the certificates bear interest, and the question of interest is the only one at issue. This drawback certificate system is awfully mixed up and it will probably take the Supreme Court of the United States to disentangle the snarl.

## Guilty as Charged.

This morning Henry Johnson, a young colored man, was brought before Judge Bundy on a charge of having stolen a number of articles of silver tableware, clothing, etc., from the house of Amelia J. Rolan, 218 Fourth street southeast. Mr. Blunt, the Assistant District Attorney, called attention to the frequency of these petty robberies during the absence of families from the city and demanded a severe punishment. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sent to jail for 60 days.

## National Hotel Arrivals.

B. B. Buck, Baltimore; E. Kramer, New York; A. H. Kreimer, Cincinnati; J. L. Truslow, Cincinnati; W. Tidball, Virginia; George W. Atwell, New York; C. F. Silliman and wife, Chicago; F. F. Robb, Altoona; W. M. Kink, Altoona; C. A. Cohn, Altoona; J. J. McGowan, Altoona; A. W. Asken, Altoona; L. A. Mueller, Alabama; A. New, New York; C. J. Wenderoth, Chicago; E. F. Bruah, New York; C. J. McCullough, Philadelphia; H. W. Bates and wife, Cincinnati; Mrs. L. V. S. Ames, St. Louis; J. J. Jordan, Geneva, Ga.; B. C. Valden, Virginia.

## Released on Bail.

To-day, Edward McKee, indicted for burglary, was brought before Judge Hagner in the Criminal Court and was discharged from custody on giving bonds in the sum of \$300. Mr. Washington Childs becoming his surety.

## For Payment of Alimony.

To-day, in the case of Richard Skinner against Mary E. Skinner, a suit for divorce, an attachment was issued against the body and property of the defendant to show cause why he should not pay the alimony of \$20 per month, for which he is now in arrears.

## Waiting for Somebody.

BY CLARA C. GRADY.

I've been waiting all day for somebody,  
And the somebody will not come;  
Every step that I hear is somebody,  
But my somebody comes not home.

I wonder if he knows I'm waiting,  
This somebody, so long away;  
That each day I'm waiting for somebody,  
And he makes such a long delay.

I've been praying all eve for somebody,  
This somebody coming to me;  
All night I'll be dreaming of somebody,  
Till the bright rays of morn I see.

Then again all the day I'll be waiting  
For the old loved form again;  
Yes, waiting all the day for somebody—  
Praying, watching, waiting—in vain!

When you pay and a man don't recite  
You'll be the one to be left;  
And you straightway will be a help  
And kick him with one of your feet  
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—"I can Digest anything."—Journal Clerk H. H. Smith.  
—"Last winter I was all limp, this summer my shirt is."—Chadwick.  
—"Oh, there's no doubt about it. He's Bowen to get it."—Andy Gleason.  
—"Perseverance wins. All possible things were to be possible."—Bob Ellitt.  
—"Abuse is often of service—the sort of service I'm in."—Detective Woodward.  
—"If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it."—Ex-Congressman Banning.  
—"The Hot Springs are healthy, but too warm in their friendly advances."—Col. Shoemaker.  
—"Go, poor fly; there is room enough in this world for me and thee."—Major King, of the S. F. C. T. A.  
—"No, sir; Thomas L. James signs nothing unless I order him to."—A. M. Gibson and W. A. Cook, simultaneously.  
—"Justice is the great standing law of civil society, and a justice of the peace the proper standard."—A. C. Richards.  
—"Bad men hate sin through fear of punishment; good men hate sin through love of virtue."—Jerome J. Hinds.  
—"On Earth there is nothing great but man in man there is nothing great but mind, and I am that man."—Lieut. M. A. Austin.  
—"There isn't more than one or two women in the country that have the knack of reclining gracefully in a hammock."—Mrs. Lockwood.

**Mr. Colfax on Cundurango and Dr. Bliss.**  
Ex-Vice President Schuyler Colfax has written a letter denying a recently published statement that Dr. Bliss, President Garfield's leading physician, in some way induced Mr. Colfax to certify that his mother-in-law was being cured by cundurango, an alleged cure for cancer. Mr. Colfax says the facts in the case are: "Instead of Dr. Bliss 'inducing me,' &c., the Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, gave me some cundurango sent to him by my minister to Ecuador, and claimed that to be a cure for cancer, with which he knew my mother-in-law to be afflicted. The remarkable effect it had upon the disease at the commencement of its use attracted the attention of Dr. Bliss, then our family physician, and doubtless led him to send to Ecuador for more, and to engage in its manufacture. The favorable result of this first trial of cundurango was not given to the public through the agency of 'the requisition' of the Associated Press, nor by Dr. Bliss. It was thus: I wrote a private letter about it in reply to an inquiry from a valued friend at Baltimore, who was very much interested in my mother's case, and in his reading it to an editorial friend he was asked to allow him to publish it in the interest of humanity. So many persons are afflicted with this terrible disease that my letter, as soon as it was thus published without my knowledge, or that of Dr. Bliss, at the time was reprinted everywhere, and many hundreds of letters poured in upon me in that and subsequent years, to which I had to reply that the subsequent shipments of the drug from Ecuador did not have a similar effect, and some years thereafter my mother died. The cause of the difference in the results of these two shipments I have never learned."

**Newspaper Wit.**  
—"A rod and lyin' catches the biggest fish of the season."—New Orleans Picayune.  
—"Pair of dice lost!" exclaimed the gambler, when asked what made him look so sad.—Boston Transcript.  
—"The bullet was being weighed in the induction balance and found wanting—to come out."—New Haven Register.  
—"Iron Eyes, the father of Bright Eyes, has six wives. Did Editor Tibbles realize when he married how many mothers-in-law he was getting?"—Boston Post.  
—"During the anxiety about Garfield let not Mr. Hayes be forgotten. He is trying to produce a breed of chickens that will lay watermelons."—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.  
—"A Mexican hornet has a stinger about the length of a common pin, and when he makes up his mind to take possession of a hammock the other fellow always vacates."—Detroit Free Press.  
—"One of the most distinguished young students in the Shiloh Theological Seminary was expelled for writing an essay on the efficacy of Baptism in an Oilcloth Suit."—Boston Globe.  
—"The Express, speaking of the wonderfully mysterious torpedo boat which is to blow up the British empire all at once, asks, 'Is it a Fenian ram?' We think it looks more like an Irish bull."—Puck.  
—"It is said that kerosene will remove stains from furniture. It has also been known to remove the furniture, stains and all, with the stove and a red-headed servant girl thrown in oftentimes."—Webster Times.  
—"The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has decided to visit America. The fact that she brings her young husband along makes it apparent that she heard that Beecher and Platt are dangerous men."—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.  
—"Teacher: 'John, what are your boots made of?' Boy: 'Of leather.'" "Where does the leather come from?" "From the hide of the ox." "What animal, therefore, supplies you with boots and gives you meat to eat?" "My father."—Galesburg News.  
—"The doctors at Washington are apparently doing their level best to save the President by killing the people of the country with big words. They should make things plain by saying that the patient is suffering from the effect of the keashtinities."—Old City Derrick.  
—"I'd laugh if I should fall and break my neck," jestingly remarked James Mackloney, of Tappan, N. Y., while in the act of descending from a tall pear tree. The next moment he lay upon the ground with his neck broken. But he didn't laugh. What infernal liars some men are.—Boston Post.  
—"When a Cleveland reporter discovered the hanging body of a suicide, the situation was surrounded thusly: 'An owl hooted lonesomely; an old clock on the shelf ticked with terror; a dog howled; a cat crouched on the cold hearth in fear, and a sound like the laugh of a maniac came from the garret.' That was all. There wasn't even a sign on the wall recommending anybody's stomach bitters."—Detroit Free Press.

**Dr. Rhodes' Transfusing Battery.**  
advertised in another column, is an article of real merit and is worth its weight in gold. It will positively do what is claimed for it. Money cheerfully refunded to all using it a reasonable length of time if they are not satisfied. Dr. R. K. Helphentine, the well-known druggist, Fourteenth and F streets—Ebbitt House—is the agent.

**A Wonderful Carving.**  
A masterpiece in wood-carving by Demontreuil has been left by the owner at No. 29 Maddox street, of Demontreuil personally not much is known. For a short time—for he died young—he enjoyed the patronage of Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette, and the fame of his skill as a carver, especially of birds, birds, and other countries. This bird, one of the latest if not the last of his productions, was executed at Madrid for a Cardinal. It is believed that Demontreuil resided in that city for two or three years. He could not work long at a time upon a piece so full as this is of exquisitely delicate detail, partly because the tiring effects of prolonged effort upon the muscles of the hand and arm would have destroyed the certainty and accuracy of his touch, and partly perhaps on account of a gradual failure of eyesight which ended in total blindness. The death of the Cardinal this chief d'œuvre passed to some relatives—a French-Spanish family who prized it so highly that on one occasion they refused 50,000 francs for it. From them it came into the possession of the present owner. The subject is a dead canary hanging against a panel. It is suspended apparently from a nail by a piece of string tied to the left foot, and bird, string, nail, and panel are carved out of one piece of pear wood. Wonderful as is the carving by which the characteristic appearance of different kinds of feathers of the wings, tail and body, and the markings on the feet are reproduced (and the details will bear examination with a magnifying glass), the art with which the individuality of the creature is rendered is still more remarkable.

**The Historical White House.**  
Rochester, (N. Y.) Democrat.  
Dr. Bliss states accurately the condition of the White House. It needs to be thoroughly repaired and renovated, if not rebuilt. We notice that a number of influential journals suggest that a new Presidential Mansion should be built, and it is understood that a fine site is available for the purpose. This may or may not be necessary, though investigation will determine that issue. If the site is in itself unhealthy, it should be abandoned, but we are of the opinion that a traditional respect for the house which was first occupied nearly seventy years ago by the Chief Magistrate of the Republic. At all events, it should be made worthy of the Nation, furnished in a style to correspond to our dignity and prosperity, and be free from malodorous influences. Col. Rockwell, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, asks in his annual report for a liberal appropriation for repairing and furnishing the White House. There should be no cavil over this, unless, indeed, upon due examination, it should be deemed best to build a new house.

**The Procrastinating Money Order.**  
Springfield Republican.  
There is too much red-tape about a money order. It takes too long to get one and too long to collect the money on one. When it is wanted in cash, like a postal note, it is a check, with more than one indorsement, which could be bought and sent with less red-tape and collected at the other end by turning it into a bank account. Such a card is in use in Germany now, instead of the clumsy letter of advice presently here and in England, and some collected "crossed" (that is, indorsed) money orders as a matter of course. A combination of both systems is wanted here.

**"Alderney Dairy Wagons."**  
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—"Oh, there's no doubt about it. He's Bowen to get it."—Andy Gleason.  
—"Perseverance wins. All possible things were to be possible."—Bob Ellitt.  
—"Abuse is often of service—the sort of service I'm in."—Detective Woodward.  
—"If it is not right, do not do it; if it is not true, do not say it."—Ex-Congressman Banning.  
—"The Hot Springs are healthy, but too warm in their friendly advances."—Col. Shoemaker.  
—"Go, poor fly; there is room enough in this world for me and thee."—Major King, of the S. F. C. T. A.  
—"No, sir; Thomas L. James signs nothing unless I order him to."—A. M. Gibson and W. A. Cook, simultaneously.  
—"Justice is the great standing law of civil society, and a justice of the peace the proper standard."—A. C. Richards.  
—"Bad men hate sin through fear of punishment; good men hate sin through love of virtue."—Jerome J. Hinds.  
—"On Earth there is nothing great but man in man there is nothing great but mind, and I am that man."—Lieut. M. A. Austin.  
—"There isn't more than one or two women in the country that have the knack of reclining gracefully in a hammock."—Mrs. Lockwood.

**Mr. Colfax on Cundurango and Dr. Bliss.**  
Ex-Vice President Schuyler Colfax has written a letter denying a recently published statement that Dr. Bliss, President Garfield's leading physician, in some way induced Mr. Colfax to certify that his mother-in-law was being cured by cundurango, an alleged cure for cancer. Mr. Colfax says the facts in the case are: "Instead of Dr. Bliss 'inducing me,' &c., the Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, gave me some cundurango sent to him by my minister to Ecuador, and claimed that to be a cure for cancer, with which he knew my mother-in-law to be afflicted. The remarkable effect it had upon the disease at the commencement of its use attracted the attention of Dr. Bliss, then our family physician, and doubtless led him to send to Ecuador for more, and to engage in its manufacture. The favorable result of this first trial of cundurango was not given to the public through the agency of 'the requisition' of the Associated Press, nor by Dr. Bliss. It was thus: I wrote a private letter about it in reply to an inquiry from a valued friend at Baltimore, who was very much interested in my mother's case, and in his reading it to an editorial friend he was asked to allow him to publish it in the interest of humanity. So many persons are afflicted with this terrible disease that my letter, as soon as it was thus published without my knowledge, or that of Dr. Bliss, at the time was reprinted everywhere, and many hundreds of letters poured in upon me in that and subsequent years, to which I had to reply that the subsequent shipments of the drug from Ecuador did not have a similar effect, and some years thereafter my mother died. The cause of the difference in the results of these two shipments I have never learned."

**Newspaper Wit.**  
—"A rod and lyin' catches the biggest fish of the season."—New Orleans Picayune.  
—"Pair of dice lost!" exclaimed the gambler, when asked what made him look so sad.—Boston Transcript.  
—"The bullet was being weighed in the induction balance and found wanting—to come out."—New Haven Register.  
—"Iron Eyes, the father of Bright Eyes, has six wives. Did Editor Tibbles realize when he married how many mothers-in-law he was getting?"—Boston Post.  
—"During the anxiety about Garfield let not Mr. Hayes be forgotten. He is trying to produce a breed of chickens that will lay watermelons."—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.  
—"A Mexican hornet has a stinger about the length of a common pin, and when he makes up his mind to take possession of a hammock the other fellow always vacates."—Detroit Free Press.  
—"One of the most distinguished young students in the Shiloh Theological Seminary was expelled for writing an essay on the efficacy of Baptism in an Oilcloth Suit."—Boston Globe.  
—"The Express, speaking of the wonderfully mysterious torpedo boat which is to blow up the British empire all at once, asks, 'Is it a Fenian ram?' We think it looks more like an Irish bull."—Puck.  
—"It is said that kerosene will remove stains from furniture. It has also been known to remove the furniture, stains and all, with the stove and a red-headed servant girl thrown in oftentimes."—Webster Times.  
—"The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has decided to visit America. The fact that she brings her young husband along makes it apparent that she heard that Beecher and Platt are dangerous men."—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.  
—"Teacher: 'John, what are your boots made of?' Boy: 'Of leather.'" "Where does the leather come from?" "From the hide of the ox." "What animal, therefore, supplies you with boots and gives you meat to eat?" "My father."—Galesburg News.  
—"The doctors at Washington are apparently doing their level best to save the President by killing the people of the country with big words. They should make things plain by saying that the patient is suffering from the effect of the keashtinities."—Old City Derrick.  
—"I'd laugh if I should fall and break my neck," jestingly remarked James Mackloney, of Tappan, N. Y., while in the act of descending from a tall pear tree. The next moment he lay upon the ground with his neck broken. But he didn't laugh. What infernal liars some men are.—Boston Post.  
—"When a Cleveland reporter discovered the hanging body of a suicide, the situation was surrounded thusly: 'An owl hooted lonesomely; an old clock on the shelf ticked with terror; a dog howled; a cat crouched on the cold hearth in fear, and